

AUBURN ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

August 21, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm by Chairman Lee Buckingham at Auburn City Hall, Room 10. Present were: Lee Buckingham, April Maynard, Mike Holmes, Tim Grayson, Terri Goodman, Joyce Silva, and Judi Lardner. Also present were Frank Ordaz and Kaz Huetten.

A quorum was established and the July 17th minutes approved as written.

Public Comment: Frank Ordaz and Kaz Huetten (who applied for the two vacant positions on the AAC) were welcomed to the meeting. A general discussion followed about the arts in Auburn, AAC responsibilities, the PlacerArts Box Show, etc.

Public Art Loan Program update: No update.

Streetscape project: Lee said that the SHAAC is still working on informational signs for downtown and as well as a preliminary design for the vest pocket park/public bathroom project at Central Square. Tim requested that the park and any proposed murals be included as separate agenda items in the future.

Mural projects: Tim asked Mike whether the \$2,500 earmarked for future mural projects in last year's budget was still available to be spent. Mike said he assumed that there is only this year's \$2,500 available for use. He also said that \$7,000 or \$8,000 is still reserved for a potential mural at the Forgotten Soldier Meditation Garden. A short discussion followed about sealing the Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge mural.

Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center: Mike outlined the history of City involvement with improvements at APPAC (already completed and currently planned).

Forgotten Soldier Meditation Garden: Mike described the on-again, off-again history of the planned garden. The proponents are still negotiating lease terms with the property owner, and the project will need to go to the City for review again.

Airport Monument: Mike said that \$10,000 is being sought from the Airport Enterprise Fund, which will be considered by the City Council this fall. The full-size statue of Col. Bud Anderson has been completed and is located near the entrance of The Ridge Golf Club.

Auburn Arts in the Park: Lee said he recently spoke with someone from the Auburn Recreation District about Auburn Arts in the Park. The ARD doesn't seem to think there is a reason for them to partner with us on this event, but they may be able to offer logistics advice. A general discussion followed about securing the date for the next festival, signage, and park improvements.

Art Walk: April reported on the last Art Walk, which she said was very successful. The music and sculptures located behind City Hall in the lower garden/overlook area were especially popular.

Review of Public Arts Calendars: April described her idea of having a central online hub for arts information in Auburn. Lee suggested it should be a countywide effort. A discussion followed about how to achieve this goal.

Logo Contest: Tim asked if the AAC would still be considered as a potential client of the Sierra College marketing class. Judi said she would follow-up with the instructor.

Email regarding suggestions for Central Square Art/Mural: Jim Bennett proposed (via email) a rotating art display on the side of the old City Hall building. Lee wondered if similar legal issues would surface for temporary art displays as occurred with the proposal for temporary sculptures. Tim recommended that the AAC favor murals (of at least one year duration) over temporary art displays. A discussion ensued about creating an annual event that would unveil new temporary artwork, possibly partnering with the Chamber or the April Art Walk. This item will be placed on the September agenda for further discussion.

Future Agenda Items: There was a discussion about the mural review process. This item will be added to the September agenda under New Business. Lee said he would do some background research about the approval process and how City ordinances are amended. Terri requested that the AAC secretary position be added to next month's agenda.

Interview and voting on New Members: Frank Ordaz and Kaz Huette both said they are interested in the filling the vacancies on the AAC. After they left the meeting, April moved that the AAC recommend to the City Council that Frank and Kaz be appointed to the AAC. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be on September 18, 2013 at 4:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm
Respectfully Submitted,
Judi Lardner, Secretary